

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

After entry of this Response, claims 1-4, 6-8 and 18 are pending. Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 18 are currently presented. Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 18 are allowed. Claims 5 and 9-17 are cancelled.

II. The Invention

The present invention relates to quinolones and compounds related to quinolones. One use of these quinolones and compounds thereof is for the inhibition of viruses, *e.g.*, HIV. The invention further relates to methods of making these compounds, methods of identifying the efficacy of these compounds, and methods of using these compounds to inhibit or prevent HIV infection and related disease states such as AIDS.

III. The Response to the Communication

For reasons unrelated to patentability and in order to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims, Applicants cancel claims 9-17. Since remaining claims 1-4, 6-8 and 18 are allowed, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-442-1000.

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